COURSE NAME: Environmental Law

COURSE NUMBER: 8773

PROFESSOR: Holman

ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITES: N/A

DESIRABLE PREREQUISITES: N/A


MAJOR LEARNING OBJECTIVES OF THIS COURSE:
- To understand the constitutional, statutory and administrative bases of laws regulating pollution and protecting natural resources
- To understand the structure of pollution regulation and the significant interplay of federal and state law in this area
- To understand the legal systems that govern the use and preservation of land, range, timber, minerals, water, energy resources, wildlife and recreation resources
- To understand the role of science and economics in environmental law and policy.

METHOD OF GRADING & APPRAISAL OF STUDENT FOR GRADE:
Final exam and participation in class discussions and exercises

SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF COURSE:
This course will provide a survey of the common law and constitutional foundations of modern environmental law, natural resource law, and federal pollution control and remediation programs. Topics to be covered will include:
- The constitutional law of takings
- The public trust doctrine
- The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Laws governing federal public land
- The Wilderness Act
- The Endangered Species Act
- The law of water rights
- The Clean Air Act
- The Clean Water Act
- The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
- The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA)
RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR CAREER PURPOSES:
Particularly relevant for those interested in a legal practice involving issues relating to the environment, sustainability and the management and preservation of land and natural resources. Also relevant for students who will practice general law, property law, toxic torts, health care law, and for those interested in government program administration or politics. Helpful for students interested in advising small business owners or counseling corporations, real estate firms, bankruptcy matters, manufacturing, energy, utilities, oil/gas enterprises, etc.

RELEVANCY OF COURSE FOR MO/MULTI-STATE BAR EXAMINATION:
Not directly relevant.